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MATERIAL OVER A NETWORK

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Prior to any Office Action and in addition to the Preliminary Amendment filed on July 22, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Kindly replace claims 7, 10, 12, 14, 16, 21 with the following amended claims:

7. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the storing of the BOMs includes:
- storing one or more data structures in the processing system for storing the plurality of BOMs,
- the method further comprising:
- storing a list of elements in the processing system, each element in the list of elements having a unique element identifier, each element in each BOM being one of the elements in the list of elements,
- such that the list of elements and the one or more data structures are part of a database stored in the same processing system.
10. A method for managing a plurality of bills of material (BOMs) comprising:
- storing a database in a processing system, the database including:

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Order of Inventors:

Kindly change the order of inventors. A supplementary declaration signed by all inventors is enclosed.

In the Drawings:

Kindly amend FIGs 4-7 as described by permanent ink markings in the sheets submitted herewith together with a separate letter to the Examiner. New formal drawings are being submitted concurrently with a separate letter to the Official Draftsperson.

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